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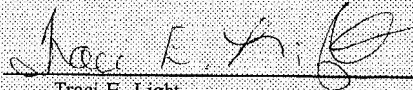
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir or Madam:

Please enter the following on the record in response to the above cited Advisory Action mailed on March 12, 2002 regarding Applicant's response to Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2001. This Preliminary Amendment also incorporates, i) a Request For Continued Examination, ii) a three month petition for extension of time, iii) Terminal Disclaimer and iv) Submission Of New Drawings Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 Or C.F.R. § 1.52 as separate papers.

The Applicants elect to file the accompanying Request For Continuing Application in order to prosecute the amended, and new claims, not entered in the above Applicants' response to the Final Office Action.

A clean version of rewritten and added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page two of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) as they should appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.